22. Indian Telephone Industries, Post Box 797, Naini, Allahabad-211010, U.P.

23. Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi, U.P.

24. Nandganj Sihori Sugar Mill, Ghazipur, U.P.

25. Government Opium and Alkaoid Works, Ghazipur-233 009, U.P.

26. Tannery & Footware Corporation of India, 13/400 Civil Lines, Hazari Bungalow, Kanpur-208 001. U.P.

27. Ordnance Equipment Factory, Kanpur, U.P.

28. Hindustan Aeronautices Ltd. Kanpur Division P. O. Box No. 225, Kanpur, U.P.

29. M. P. Udyog Ltd., Kanpur-208 025, U.P.

30. IFFCO, Phulpur Unit, Ghiyanagar, Allahabad-212 404. U.P.

31. PVK Distillery, Ghazipur, U.P.

32. Basant Paper Mills, Ramnagar, Varanasi, U.P.

33. Small Arms Factory, Armapur, Kanpur, U.P.

34. J. K. Rayon, Jajmau, Kanpur, U.P.

Replanting of trees *to* make ecological balance

4572. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in major developed countries, it is manda tory on any industry to replenish the trees by replanting them if the site is within the precincts of forests to make good any lost to the ecological balance;

(b) if so, whether such a stipulation it also incumbent in India; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and whether Government are contemplating such a step to help forestry to grew up in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) As per provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, whenever any forest land is diverted for non-forestry purposes, the user agency has to carry out compensatory afforestation over an equivalent area on non-forest land or double the area of degraded forest land.

(c) Question does not arise.

Population of Tigers

4573. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA :
SHRI K. R. MALKANI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the tiger population in India is on the wane;

(b) when the last census of tigers was conducted;

(c) what was the figure then and what is it now; and

(d) what are the reasons for the decline, if any, and what steps Government propose to take to preserve this endangered species ?